

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Novel Compounds and Compositions as Cathepsin Inhibitors

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Amendment and Reply to Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is responsive to the Final Action dated April 18, 2006 for the above-identified application. A Petition extending the period for response for three (3) months, to August 18, 2006, is included herein, along with authorization to charge the extension fee to a credit card. Applicants request respectfully that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.